

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

This to work would have to stop from using any means of recording. Once it gets the signal that there is broadcast flag then it wouldn't record. It can't tell if this is the first recording or not so we wouldn't be allowed to record any shows for latter viewing. This is basically taking all rights to make copies of any broadcast. There is no system that will allow us to do what the industry says it will do.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

They have to do this as this would stop from going over the Internet. Once you allow it to go into a network in your home then it can go over the Internet. There is no method that I know from my reading that can allow this to take place. The idea of a home network will die on the vine. I have not read anything saying a company has this ability. It will stuck on device it was recorded and will not be allow to be connected to others as this will allow for transmission over the Internet.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

This is true as they would have change the format of the signal in order to get this to work. They will try to force us to change all our old equipment to the new format. This is their goal.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

This something that may happen as no one will sell any equipment or develop for the US any new methods. They may be develop for outside the US and they wouldn't even bother. We will like stupid as everything must be approved by the content people to be sold here. We might as well close our R & D in this area and say there is no improvement will come about. The fair use will be gone and we have to live with the concept that content people what we can do.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

This would have a big impact in the cost of equipment. It would also require certain controls to be built into the computers sold in the US. People may not want to upgrade their computer until it goes downhill. It will decrease the sale of PC in the US and many areas of the World may decide not to computers manufactured in the US if they have the controls built into the PC. A number of equipment that we make may not be sold overseas and the cost to our economy will be great. Many companies may decide not to sell their good in the US and therefore we may wind paying higher price and fewer items. Most will not make a special equipment for the US when the rest of the world is not going to do it.

Other Comments:

There is no requirement to buy HDTV as if you use satellite which I just as you get clear pictures in digital quality. I just got a couple of days ago and the quality of the signal vs cable is day is night. What justification

is it for me to get HDTV and the cost if I can get the same quality of picture. The cost is too great so it is not worthwhile at all. The bottom line there is no justification. With the broadcast flag people will only buy new equipment when the unit can't be fixed. People will drop dead and what you want will not be accomplished. If the old method is still being produced then they will buy them. Why buy something when you can't get fair use at all and the higher cost of the product. A person buying it would be considered stupid.